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SUBJECT: ARAB AID TO EGYPT

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1. RE REQUEST PARA 5 REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING INFO
ON US AID PROGRAM TO EGYPT WHICH EMBASSY MAY SHARE WITH
SHEMALI. POUCHED MATERIAL INCLUDES DATA USG PROVIDED CG
MEMBERS IN PARIS.

2. WE BELIEVE SHEMALI REQUEST OPENS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY
FOR U.S. TO BEGIN ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP
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ON AID TO EGYPT MATTERS WITH KUWAITIS AT THE TECHNICAL ECO-
NOMIC/FINANCIAL LEVEL. SUBJECT TO EMBASSIES' COMMENTS,
WE SUGGEST THAT AN EMBASSY OR USAID OFFICER BE SENT FOR
SHORT VISIT FROM CAIRO TO KUWAIT TO BRIEF INTERESTED KU-
WAITI OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL DIMENSIONS OF OUR
PROGRAMS IN EGYPT. VISITOR, OF COURSE, WOULD AVOID POLI-
TICAL DIMENSION OF AID TO EGYPT CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION

WITH ARAB DONORS. VISITOR, HOWEVER, COULD SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN EXPLANATION OF EGYPTIAN NEEDS FOR ALL TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT PIPELINE, ETC., AND HOW OUR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET A VARIETY OF EGYPTIAN NEEDS.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR MAJOR DONORS TO EGYPT (US AND ARABS) TO DEVELOP A CLOSER MORE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL TO BUILD A GREATER SENSE OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SOME KUWAITIS AT LEAST MIGHT BE FLATTERED BY THIS ATTENTION AND IF SUCCESSFULLY DONE IN CONTEXT OF FACILITATING A HELPFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, LESSEN A SENSE ON THE PART OF SOME ARABS THAT THEY ARE BEING LEFT TO MAKE UP FINANCIAL SHORT FALLS IN A MANNER OTHER DONORS CANNOT OR WILL NOT DO.

4. IF EMBASSIES SEE NO SERIOUS OBJECTION TO TRYING APPROACH SUGGESTED HERE, YOU MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITOR FROM CAIRO DIRECTLY. CHRISTOPHER

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